



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Hartwig Preckel  
Serial No.: 10/542,437  
For: METHOD FOR FILLING SAMPLE CARRIERS  
Filed: March 24, 2006  
Examiner: Jan M. Ludlow  
Art Unit: 1797  
Confirmation No.: 2752  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 175.8246USU

**Mail Stop Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing a response to the communication dated September 24, 2009 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 130.00 to extend the time for filing this response until November 24, 2009.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

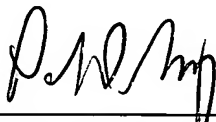
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	19	Minus	20	0	x \$52.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$220.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$390.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 130.00 .

X A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**.

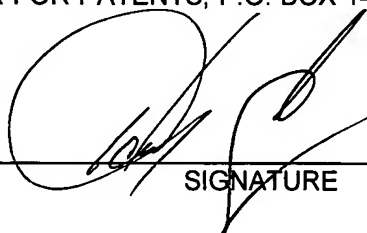
November 24, 2009  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON November 24, 2009 .

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11/24/09  
DATE